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**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors,
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

We write today to urge you to reappoint two individuals to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors: **Dr. Anne L. Bryant** as the representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts through the Universal Service Fund, and **Anne Campbell** as the member representing libraries that are eligible to receive discounts. Both Ms. Campbell and Dr. Bryant currently serve on the Schools & Libraries Committee of USAC (Dr. Bryant as Vice Chair), and we feel that both are tremendous assets to the Board.

As executive director of the National School Boards Association (NSBA), Dr. Bryant brings a wealth of information about the technology needs of schools. She is a leading advocate for public education, and has promoted education technology initiatives as a key component of student achievement. Dr. Bryant recently served as co-chair of the CEO Forum on Education and Technology, an organization of 20+ high technology CEOs assembled to report to the nation on progress in technology and education. She is also a member of the Learning First Alliance, comprised of 12 education organizations committed to raising student achievement.

Ms. Campbell, the director of the National City Public Library in California and past President of the California Library Association, is a community leader, a respected figure in the library field, and a major advocate for the E-rate program. She possesses a deep knowledge of library technology, funding issues, and the role of libraries in the E-Rate program and has testified frequently on these topics before Congress and national agencies. Libraries across the country appreciate her commitment to sharing library concerns with the Board, and communicating changes in the program to applicants in the field.

The Education and Libraries Networks Coalition (EdLiNC), a coalition representing the nation's leading education and library associations, strongly supports the reappointment of Ms. Campbell and Dr. Bryant to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. Both have proven themselves to be committed advocates for the integrity and continued success of the Universal Service Fund and E-Rate program.

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Copies of Dr. Bryant's and Ms. Campbell's professional biographies are attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Association of School Administrators
American Library Association
Association of Educational Service Agencies
Consortium for School Networking
Council of Chief State School Officers
Education Legislative Services
International Society for Technology in Education
National Association of Independent Schools
National Catholic Educational Association
National Education Association
National Education Knowledge Industry Association
National School Boards Association
Rural School and Community Trust

cc: Ms. Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
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Anne Campbell

As the City Librarian for National City Public Library (National City, California), Anne Campbell is responsible for providing library services to one of the poorest and most culturally diverse cities in California. Campbell has first hand experience with E-Rate's impact on America's libraries. E-Rate funding provides the telecommunications infrastructure at the National City Public Library, allowing National City Public Library to provide access to electronic information and the Internet, reducing the digital divide for National City's many residents.

Campbell is recognized as a library leader, active within the library community, she served as President of the California Library Association in 1999. Presiding over this 2,000+-member organization, Campbell has the opportunity to serve as a library advocate at public meetings and before the legislature. Recognized by her peers as an effective advocate, Campbell was invited to testify before a House subcommittee on reauthorization of federal library legislation. Invited to testify before the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) regarding libraries and technology access, Campbell provided compelling testimony on the impact libraries and technology can have in communities. Campbell was appointed by FCC Chair Powell to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board in December 2001, representing public libraries.

Campbell has served for 16 years as an elected member of the National School District Governing Board, and has served twice as President of the Board. As an elected official, Campbell has been an advocate for the education of public school students. Recognized as a consensus builder, Campbell was elected as the first Chair of a regional consortium of School Boards.

Campbell has served on a variety of board and committees: Advisory Board of the Stanford-California State Library Institute on 21st Century Librarianship; Governing Board of the Tierra del Sol Regional Library Network; Board of Directors, Califa Library Network; National City Public Arts Committee.

Campbell has received many honors and awards, most recently receiving the California Library Association Member of the Year Award and the National City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Campbell has a B.A. and Masters in Library Science from the University of Arizona. She has spent most of her library career serving libraries in the San Diego, California area.